

Old Dominion

Nothing special to report from this section during the winter season. Only meeting the symptoms as they come. Sometimes we have seasons of encouragements. Then occasionally some thing occurs that makes us feel disappointed and somewhat discouraged so the faith of the saints have been tried always along the line. As the sunlight is often hid by the cloud only to be more appreciated when the darkness is dispelled. We sometimes have a refractory brother or sister, just what to do for them or with them appears to be a query, then again we are surprised to read such articles as appeared in No. 9, March 1, on the subject of feet washing which is nothing but Campbellite ammunition that has been snowed under so often that even they have spiked that gun and left the field. I waive the right to reply to this supposed "unanswerable argument" for more than one reason, I believe our paper is not subserving the best interest of the church, should it tolerate contentions about the doctrines of its fraternity unless it be with one from without? It is a wonder to me how such unscriptural articles fail to find the waste basket.

In one of my congregations we have added about sixty in the last two years to the church roll. Some from the world, some from other organizations and by relations. They have been told the Brethren church is universal in doctrine, congregational in government, and that the New Testament is its only creed and that every command from Matt. to last Revelation could be enjoyed when they were made to believe that a full obedience of the Father's will would be granted them. It was the chief incentive for coming into the church; I have given about fifteen years of my time to the Brethren church, organized more than twenty congregations and helped receive a thousand or more souls into the fold. I have tried to teach and urge the following them.

1. Faith in God the Father and Creator, Jesus Christ the Saviour of mankind whose life, death, resurrection and doctrine furnish the only price of pardon.

2. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and repentance towards God, immersion into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

3. Walking in newness of life hid with Christ in God.

4. Washing of the Saint's feet.

5. Lord's supper.

6. Communion bread and wine as emblems of his broken body and shed blood.

7. Salutation of the "Holy Kiss" as church ordinance.

8. Anointing of the sick.

9. Non-resistance, opposed to war, cultivating a spirit of peace.

10. Non conformity to the world in its sinful practices.

11. A life of virtue, brotherly kindness, forgiving spirit, good works walking humbly in all the teachings of our blessed Lord and Jesus Christ.

12. Ignoring uninspired men's law, recognizing Jesus Christ as the only law giver and the Holy Spirit as the true comforter.

I believe the foregoing statements are contained in the will of the blessed Father, and whosoever accepts and complies and desires to walk in his will has an inheritance in heaven. Now brethren, teaching the above as the salient points, am I orthodox or a back number?

I wish we could be more on the line of St. Paul's teaching in speaking the same things and of the same judgment. Each pastor should work for harmony, teach and lead his people to follow Jesus in all things—and shun not to declare the whole counsel of God, and not antagonize the doctrine of Jesus as taught by the church. When I can no longer endorse the teaching of Jesus as practiced by the church then I will quietly go where there is less to do and satisfy myself with part of the Father's will. My observation is when a man claims holiness (as a rule) he weakens in doctrine. Then we meet another party who talk and preach commandments only. These I notice become somewhat formal. Then let us pray my beloved brethren, that we do not lose our equilibrium, but that we recognize both word and Spirit, for they do agree. And if we make a full surrender to the Lord, walk in humble obedience to his word we will become more like him. Our spiritual nature will fully develop into a strong and healthful servant of God. "To obey is better than sacrifice." I am with the Brethren church because my investigation of God's word leads me to believe it to be the best; it is a church whose teaching invites me to full obedience, it hands me the Bible and says, herein you will find the words of him who delivered the will of God to his fallen children. Do, and you shall live. May we all take his word and as we read, pray that the Spirit will lead us to say yes, Lord, I am willing to do that; yes, Lord, I am willing to do this. Oh Lord, help me to fully surrender my will, and teach me that I may turn my feet unto thy testimonies, and that I may make haste and delay not to keep all thy commandments.

E. B. SHAVER.

Maurertown, Va.

Report of Washington Church Fund for the
Week Ending March 24, 1900

A brother, New Jersey,	\$ 1 00
M. L. Norman and wife, Mound City, Nev.,	5 00
A young minister, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.,	10 00
H. J. Schrock, Goshen, Ind.,	1 00
Mrs. H. J. Schrock, Goshen, Ind.,	1 00
Ida Schrock,	1 00
Hazel Schrock,	1 00
A. P. Gibson and wife, Nickerson, Kan.,	2 00
Mancy Livengood, Los Angeles Cal.,	1 00
Annie Livengood,	1 00
A sister, Sidney, Ind.,	2 00
Brethren church, Allentown, Pa.,	4 60
Mrs. W. Phander, Lansdale, Pa.,	3 00

Emma Moyer,	"	1 00
Mrs. Jacob Klock, Williamson, Pa.,	"	1 00
Jacob Klock,	"	50
Ella Klock,	"	50
J. H. Klock,	"	25
D. W. Klock,	"	50
Carrie Sherbahn,	"	1 00
Jacob Sherbahn,	"	50
Alice Scully,	"	10
Catharine Davis,	"	1 00
Henry Davis,	"	50
Jacob Fontz,	"	25
Maggie Kunkle,	"	25
Barbara Heisey,	"	25
Lillie Bevens,	"	25
Mrs. A. Overcash, Ft. London, Pa.,	"	25
Amos Overcash,	"	50
J. B. Zimmerman, Welsh Run, Pa.,	"	25
J. Shank & others, Jenny Lind, Cal.,	"	5 00
Meyersdale Brethren church, Pa.,	"	75 00
Y. P. S. C. E., Louisville, O.,	"	1 60
Rev. C. F. Yoder, Warsaw, Ind.,	"	5 00
Brethren,	"	10 85
Brethren church, Homer, Ind.,	"	13 25
Brethren church, Listie, Pa.,	"	24 77
Eld R. Z. Replogle, Johnstown, Pa.,	"	7 00
Mr. & Mrs. W. D., Louisville, Md.,	"	2 00
S. S. C. E., Louisville, O.,	"	10 00
Rev. R. E. Darling, Pittsburg, Pa.,	"	1 00
Mrs. Rose Darling,	"	1 00
W. A. Tullis,	"	1 00
Mrs. Anna King,	"	1 00
S. H. Wilcox,	"	1 00
Mrs. S. H. Wilcox,	"	1 00
Pallard Wilcox,	"	1 00
Karl Wilcox,	"	50
General offering,	"	1 25
Mrs. J. T. Urice, Ga-rison, Ia.,	"	75
Brethren church, Johnstown, Pa.,	"	75 00
H. M. Flemming, Milledgeville, Ill.,	"	10 00
Henry Meyers,	"	10 00
Henry Livengood,	"	5 00
Mrs. Fanny Livengood,	"	5 00
A brother,	"	5 00
Mrs. Lizzie Fike,	"	2 00
Foster Fike,	"	1 00
Jos. Lenhart,	"	1 00
Mrs. Mary Lenhart,	"	1 00
Mrs. Mary Meyers,	"	1 00
Mrs. Sophie Olin,	"	1 00
Dillie Olin,	"	1 00
Mrs. Mary Bushman,	"	1 00
Mrs. Mary Fleming,	"	1 00
Mrs. Della Teeter,	"	1 00
Ella Teeter,	"	1 00
W. L. Miller,	"	1 00
Mrs. Anna Miller,	"	1 00
Henry Walker,	"	75
Mrs. Catharine Fike,	"	50
Mrs. Ida Beard,	"	50
A sister,	"	25
Mrs. Rapp, Philadelphia, Pa.,	"	1 00
J. Michael & wife, Lawrence, Kan.,	"	5 00
John W. Michael,	"	2 00
J. T. Early, Miamisburg, O.,	"	25 00
Brethren church, Brighton, Ind.,	"	28 20
Cecil Horner,	"	1 40
Blanche Horner,	"	1 35
Col. Dunlaps church, Dunlaps, Ind.,	"	1 15
Mary Dunmier,	"	1 00
Ida Simmonds,	"	1 00